

# AZOA 2025 Bronstein Contact Lens & Cornea Seminar

## 16 hours of COPE-accredited CE



January 10 - 12 / **\*NEW VENUE\***  
DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise  
Valley-Scottsdale



**2:40PM - 3:00PM**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**3:00PM - 4:40PM**

**Eyelid and Conjunctiva Growths & Degenerations - From Benign to Terrifying/  
Kenworthy/93139-SD (2 hours)**

*This course will discuss a wide range of degenerations and growths of the eyelid, conjunctiva and ocular adnexa. These will include benign and malignant lesions of the eyelid margin and conjunctiva, as well as lesions which may be a foreboding sign of impending malignancy or other systemic disorder. Pigmentary and vascular lesions will be discussed through several case studies including melanoma and hemangioma. Participants of this course will see numerous cases that will demonstrate the various and complex growths and degenerations of the anterior segment*

**5:00PM - 6:00PM**

**AZOA Cocktail Reception in Lobby Bar - Immediately Following CE on Saturday!**

*Come have a cocktail on the AZOA and mingle with your colleagues! Drink tickets will be provided.*

## **Sunday, January 12**

**7AM**

**Registration & Breakfast**

**8:00AM - 9:40AM**

**Prescribing Dangerous and Controlled Substances in Eye Care/Sorkin/pending/(2 hrs)**

*This course will review the contemporary state of the opioid epidemic in the United States and its effect on society in general. Specific impacts on optometric practice will be discussed. The roles of topical and oral pain management in eye care will be reviewed and new approaches to the management of ocular pain will be highlighted during this course. Public health ramifications of addiction and proposed government intervention/ possible remedies will also be covered.*

**10:00AM - 10:50AM**

**Recurrent Corneal Erosions/Sorkin/pending/(1 hour)**

*Recurrent Corneal erosions are one of the most commonly encountered conditions seen in optometric practice. This course will discuss the etiology, medical and surgical treatments of this corneal condition. New research and treatment modalities will also be discussed.*

**11:00AM - 11:50AM**

**Imaging Anterior Segment/Sorkin/pending/(1 hour)**

*Anterior segment imaging devices have become an indispensable part of diagnosing and managing various anterior segment conditions such as glaucoma, keratoconus, corneal dystrophies and other medical conditions of the cornea. In addition, new devices now can assist in the efficiency of the specialty contact lens practice providing better care to our patients. New and existing technology imaging devices will be discussed and case studies will be provided to demonstrate the utilization in a specialty contact lens practice will be part of this course.*

## **DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley NEW MEETING VENUE for 2025!**

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*AZOA rate of \$229++ a night if made 12/9/24*

# 2025 Bronstein Seminar Faculty

**Dr. Robert Fintelmann** grew up in southern Germany; after completing his doctorate at the University of Ulm in Germany, he traveled to the U.S. for his ophthalmology residency, which he accomplished at the prestigious Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He then completed a Corneal and Refractive Surgery Fellowship at the Francis I. Proctor Foundation at the University of California San Francisco before moving to Phoenix. Dr. Fintelmann has performed thousands of cataract surgeries, over 2,000 vision correction procedures (including LASIK, PRK, and ICL), and hundreds of corneal transplants. His experience includes a wide range of procedures: laser assisted cataract surgery, full corneal transplants, partial thickness corneal transplants (DSAEK, DMEK, DALK), along with minimally invasive transplants of either the anterior or posterior portions of the cornea. He has taught Descemet Membrane transplants to other ophthalmologists. In clinic, he enjoys treating ocular surface disease (dry eye), helping patients achieve relief from their chronic eye irritation. Besides cataract and corneal surgery, Dr. Fintelmann enjoys refractive surgery, allowing patients to become more independent of their glasses and contact lenses. Dr. Fintelmann currently serves as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine and Midwestern University. He is a board-certified diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and serves as an examiner in the oral boards. He is also a member of multiple professional organizations and continues to perform research and publish in peer-reviewed journals.

**Dr. Susan J. Gromacki** is an internationally-recognized clinician, lecturer, and author in optometry. In practice for 30 years, she graduated with honors from the University of Notre Dame and The Ohio State University College of Optometry and completed a residency in hospital-based optometry with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She has presented over 800 professional lectures and publications and has served as Contributing Editor of Contact Lens Spectrum, Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses, Contemporary Optometry, and CL Today. She serves on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, composing and overseeing the written examinations that ensure the qualifications of new US optometrists to enter practice. She is one of only 24 doctors worldwide to earn both a Fellowship in the Scleral Lens Education Society and the prestigious Diplomate in Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies of the American Academy of Optometry. She has presented on behalf of the profession of optometry to the US FDA and FTC, and in countries around the world. Formerly a faculty member of the New England College of Optometry and the University of Michigan Medical School, Department of Ophthalmology, she has received almost 50 professional awards for excellence, including the “Top Doctor of 2023” Award from the National Keratoconus Foundation, the 2022 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, the World’s Top Optometrists (2020) and one of the Most Notable Alumni in the 100-year history of The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

**Dr. Pierce Kenworthy** is an associate professor at Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry and enjoys teaching courses in anterior segment anatomy and disease. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and then earned his Doctor of Optometry degree at the Arizona College of Optometry. He completed a Family Practice Residency at the University of Houston College of Optometry. Following residency, he worked in an OD/MD private practice in the Houston Medical Center and then came back to join the faculty at Arizona College of Optometry. He has a special interest speaking on topics related to optometry/ophthalmology collaborative care as well as surgical co-management.

**Dr. Steven Sorkin** is Director of Specialty Contact Lens Services at Corneal Associates of New Jersey in Fairfield, New Jersey. He earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the State University of New York College of Optometry. He lectures extensively throughout the country and internationally on contact lenses, ocular therapeutics and corneal disease. He has a special interest in difficult to fit contact lens patients, such as those with keratoconus and post surgical cases and manages many patients with complex anterior segment conditions. Dr. Sorkin currently serves as President of the Essex County Optometric Society and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians. He also serves as a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the International Keratoconus Academy. He is also a Fellow of the Scleral Lens Education Society. He is adjunct clinical faculty at Salus University and the New England College of Optometry. He was named New Jersey Optometrist of the Year in 2018 by NJSOP.



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